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Impatient Judge Wants Date Set For Shaw Trial

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The murder conspiracy trial of Clay Shaw, the first man charged in the Kennedy assassination plot probe, will begin late next month, if the presiding judge has his way.

Impatient with delays, Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. Wednesday ordered the prosecution and defense to quickly finish special pleadings.

"These motions have dragged on four months," Haggerty complained after ordering Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison to name the West Coast city where Garrison claims Shaw furthered a conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

Haggerty also directed the state to supply the defense with the approximate dates Garrison says Shaw met with Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby in Baton Rouge.

Shaw, a 54-year-old retired New Orleans businessman, was arrested March 1 for allegedly participating in what Garrison contends was a New Orleans-based plot in the fall of 1963 to kill Kennedy. Shaw was indicted on a charge of conspiring with

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Oswald and others to assassinate the President.

Judge Haggerty, who will preside at the Shaw trial, turned down a long series of defense requests for additional information on the charge against Shaw and for the return of Shaw's property taken from his house as evidence following his arrest.

Haggerty approved a state motion calling for a meeting of attorneys representing both sides to fix a date for the trial. The judge said that under Louisiana law a district attorney has the right to set the trial date "as soon as the pre-trial pleadings have been properly and legally concluded."

Still pending is a defense motion to quash the indictment against Shaw. A ruling on this will come after a hearing to be held at an unspecified date.

Shaw's motion for a bill of particulars—filed early in June— cited 93 points on which the defense wanted additional information. Garrison's office already has answered some. Today's ruling was on points the district attorney's office refused to answer.

Garrison contends that in 1963 Shaw, Oswald and Ruby met at the Jack Tar Capital House in Baton Rouge and that Shaw delivered money to Oswald and Ruby.

Oswald, identified by the Warren Commission as the lone assassin of President Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, was in turn shot and killed by Ruby two days later. Ruby, who died of cancer last January, denied ever knowing Oswald.

Garrison claims that Shaw, former managing director of the New Orleans Trade Mart, conspired with Oswald, onetime airline pilot David W. Ferrie and others in September 1963 to kill President Kennedy. Ferrie died last February shortly after news of Garrison's assassination probe was made public.